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Hundreds Killed In Twenty-Four Hour Upheaval

Czechs Refuse

Prague, Apr. 10.
The Czechoslovak Government tonight rejected a Security Council demand that it send a representative to explain the recent Communist coup.

The Council had called on the new Prague regime to state its case last week after US delegate Warren R. Austin insisted he had a series of questions he wanted to ask the Communist Government. —Associated Press.

Kowloon Tong Bus Hold-Up

Three Chinese, passengers in a bus on Route No. 8 (Star Ferry-Kowloon Tong) held up the driver, the conductor and about 10 fellow travellers last night in Kowloon Tong and received them of valuables and cash, valued at \$2,000.

Included in the loot were wrist-watches, gold rings, fountain pens and the conductor's takings.

The bus left the Ferry terminus at about 8:45 p.m. Near Cornwall Road, Kowloon Tong, where the lighting was out, the three robbers brought out two revolvers and an automatic pistol and stopped the vehicle.

At pistol point, they ordered the passengers to hand over their valuables and helped themselves out to the conductor's takings.

The robbers then jumped off the bus, ordered the driver to move on, and ran off into the darkness.

A report was immediately made to the Kowloon City Police station, and all Kowloon stations were alerted.

Singapore As Illicit Arms Centre

Singapore, Apr. 10.
The "Sunday Times" says Singapore has become an arms traffic centre, with buyers from the Middle East, Indonesia and Burma seeking to buy firearms stored in Siam and Burma but sold here.

Sellers are reported to be guaranteeing shipments by air to, and supplying ammunition.

Prices range from US\$180 for a Lee-Enfield rifle to US\$600 for a .303 mortor.

Because of heavy risks, the "Sunday Times" says, sellers demand cash in advance. —Associated Press.

Soviet Still Protesting

London, Apr. 11.
"Investia," the official Soviet Government newspaper, today alleged that United States military aircraft, including flying fortresses, were violating freedom of navigation in the Far East by carrying out systematic observation of Soviet merchant shipping. Moscow Radio reported today.

Whatever may be the explanation, "Investia" wrote, "the United States Air Force manifestly violates the freedom of navigation in waters which are open to ships of any nation."

—Associated Press.

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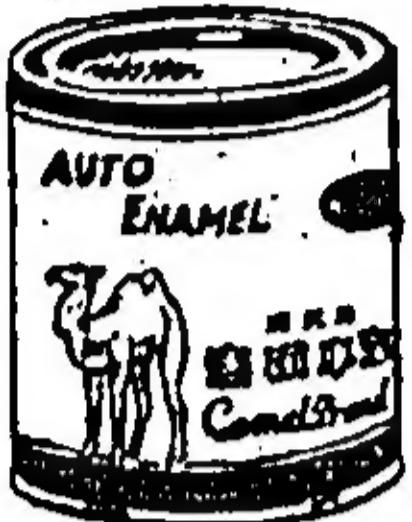
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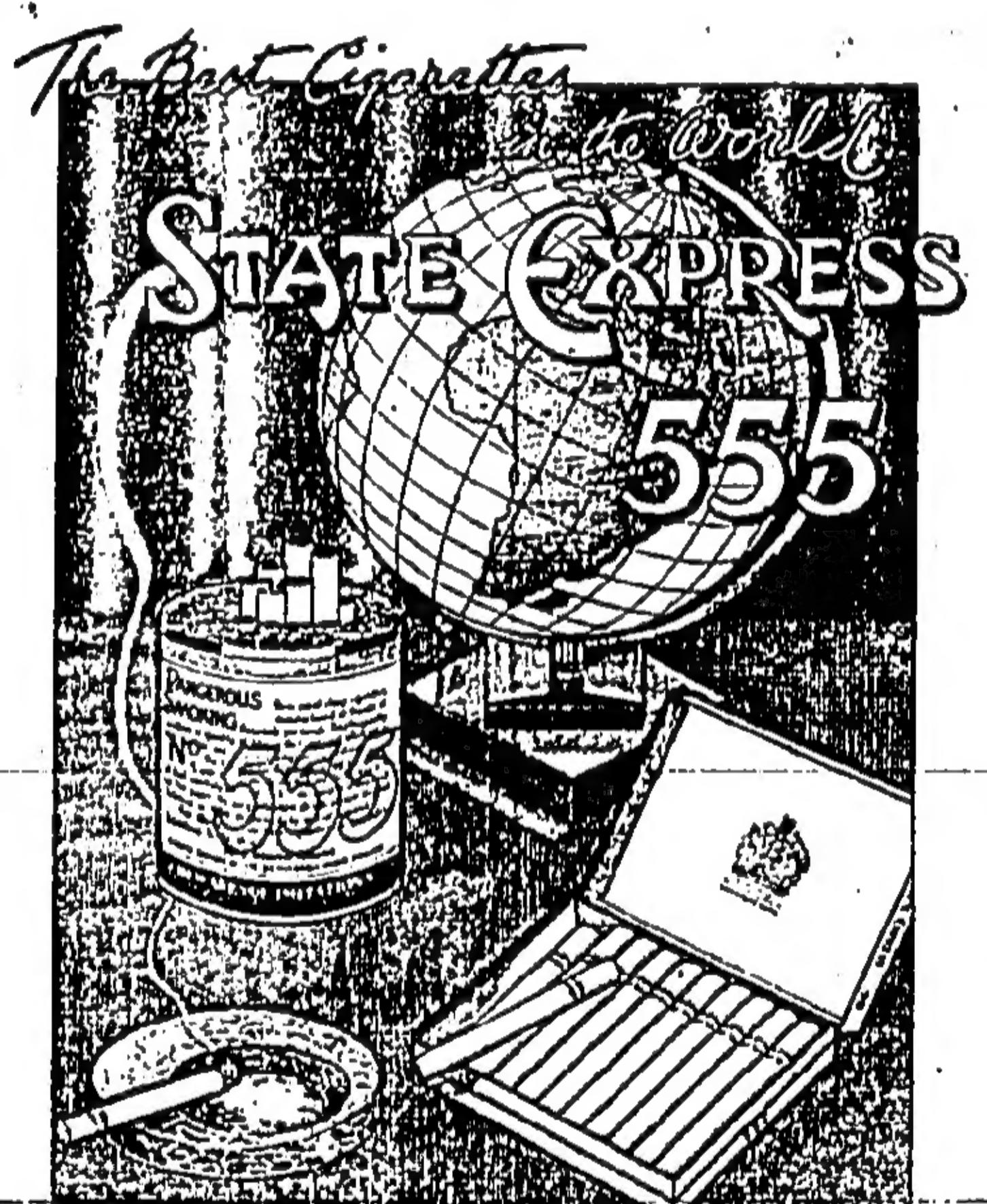
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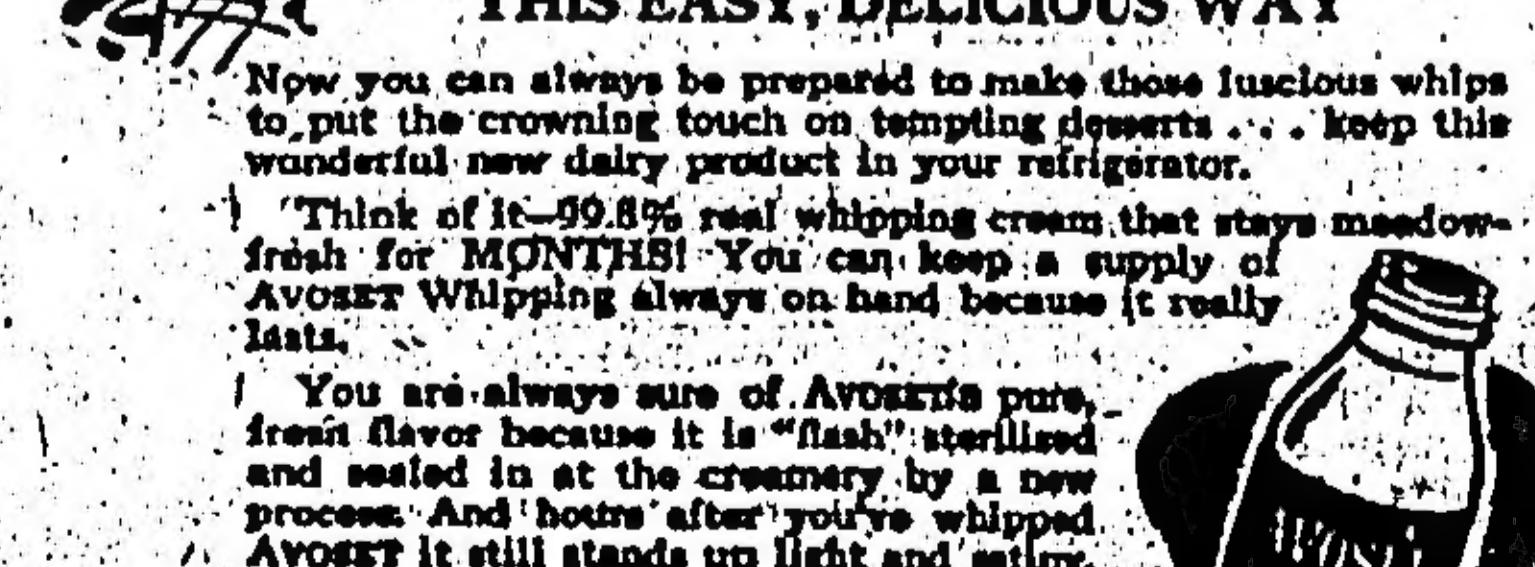
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Curly Hair
For JapsNew York, Apr. 10.
Some Japanese will have light, coarse, curly hair as a result of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atom bombings, a medical scientist reported today.

This freakish change will be due to radiation effects, said Dr. Fred A. Bryan, a medical officer of the late Manhattan project. He addressed the Western Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons. — Associated Press

COMMUNISTS SWEEPING
ALONG LUNGHAI RAILWAY
Chenghsien Battle
ImminentNanking, Apr. 11.
Fast-moving Red troops drove the Nationalist forces from several towns along the Lunghai railway in an action which the Central News Agency described as "a well-shaped Nationalist plan to effect a strategic concentration of forces to defend Chenghsien."

As the Reds drove to within a few miles of this important railroad junction reports from Chenghsien said General Ku Chu-tung, Commander-in-Chief of China's Army, arrived there to direct the area's defence.

At the same time, Central News said substantial numbers of regular troops from Kailang were en route by train to Chenghsien. The "Hsin Min Pao" said the town garrison "is under orders from the Generalissimo to defend the city to the last man."

Several American missionaries are known to be in Chenghsien but the majority of foreigners left three months ago during the previous Red offensive.

Kailang itself is not without threat from the Reds and there civilians are mobilised to build defence works.

South of Chenghsien the Reds under Gen. Liu Po-cheng and Gen. Chen Yi renewed their destructive attacks on the Peiping-Hankow railroad towns.

Field reports said Shantung and Shuping, about 100 miles north of Hankow, were under assault. Further north the Reds, after grouping at Hsicheng on the railway made a sudden drive northward threatening Chenghsien from the south.

At the same time reports said other Red troops captured Ssuhsui and Yungyang, 18 miles west of Chenghsien, and continued their advance eastward.

Officials refused to confirm the reported air force evacuation of Chenghsien's airfield, but observers said this large base several miles from the city walls was unlikely to be defended. — Associated Press.

Threat To Kweisui
Peiping, Apr. 11.
Government forces claimed today to have lifted for the time being the Red threat to Kweisui, capital of Suyuan.

Flank attacks against the Red troops, menacing Kweisui, forced them to withdraw, Government reports said.

Despatches claimed the Nationalists have recaptured the railroad town of Fengchen, 30 miles north of Tieling, and Tienchiacheng, between Fengchen and Liangchen, which is 65 miles southeast of Kweisui.

They said trains from Peiping on the line to Suyuan were again running as far as Tienchen, 50 miles west of Kalgan. This indicated that Red guerrilla activities against the railroad had abated.

From Manchuria reports said the situation at Changchun was calm, claiming that the Government

would be crushed by war."

Ex-Premier Francesco Nitti, in his main campaign speech for the Rightist Nationalist bloc which looked like a bid for the Premiership, told 3,000 Romanians that after today peace will be possible only through a World Parliament which the difference among all nations prevents.

Everybody is arming or thinking of re-arming. However, America and Russia still can reach agreement for abolition of armaments. No other way is possible for peace.

Pacification of the world is necessary because another war would make the Marshall Plan and the reconstruction of various countries only words. So far as Italy is concerned we would be crushed by war."

The ex-Premier said: "Even

Communism may have some good intentions" and recalled that Maxim Litvinov proposed general disarmament in the League of Nations in 1927 only to have it defeated by intrigue.

Nitti's criticism of both the Christian Democrats and Communism coupled with his periodic criticism of the disastrous state of the nation's finances is interpreted as his bid to head the Rightist-Leftist coalition government after the elections.

Sforza's Speech
The Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, in a political speech for the anti-Communist Republican Party, told 4,000 persons at the Lyric Theatre in Milan today that the "Marshall Plan is the most generous act a people ever made."

In a radio speech covering the Lombardy region, Sforza said the Italian people on April 18 would vote for the first time in history on an international rather than a domestic problem "for or against the Marshall Plan."

He asked Italians to recognise there is no longer purely Italian or European problem but only "the Italian people's attitude towards the world."

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He added: "I will not join a chorus that has no purpose but the suppression of civil rights."

The independent candidate for the American Presidency told a rally last night that his third party is making great progress "and its growing strength has thrown fear and panic into the camp followers of reaction."

His candidate for the Vice-Presidency, Senator Glen Taylor, said President Harry Truman "is responsible for letting loose the poison of intolerance and hatred."

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Wallace contended "the war threat is being manufactured by the big business-military alliance which is running our nation."

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Government did not support the Marshall Plan, it would be

the only way to compete with the Communists to serve the people for whom they offer radical solutions."

The Foreign Minister praised the Marshall Plan as "a main cure-all" and pointed out the United States, tired of the unjust accusations, might go back to isolationism if it had such a hard time in 1930.

He added: "The Communists charge that the United States for many years has been

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MASKED WITNESS APPEARS IN STUART SMITH TRIAL

New Customs Rulings

Shanghai, Apr. 10. In future, belongings found in excess of a maximum value set for articles carried as luggage by passengers arriving from abroad may be re-exported by their original owners, provided they are certified by the Customs authorities as bona fide passengers' luggage, according to semi-official Chinese sources today.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the Import-Export Board.

Formerly, personal belongings exceeding the maximum value fixed for overseas' passengers' luggage were dealt with in accordance with the rulings governing arrivals of unauthorised imports and treated as ordinary clandestine merchandise. The regulations setting US\$500 as the maximum value for imported luggage are not affected by this amended ruling.—Reuter.

RICE EXPORTS FOR AFRICA

London, Apr. 11. Two men, with specialist experience in India and Burma, have been chosen as members of a British mission to advise on the production of rice and other crops in East and Central Africa, the Colonial Office announced today.

They are Mr. G. Lacey, former chief irrigation officer in the United Provinces, India, and Mr. R. Watson, former director of agriculture in Burma.

They will arrive in Nairobi next Friday.—Reuter.

Fundamental Rights Of A Free Press

Geneva, Apr. 10. William Benton, chief American delegate, said today that the United States will not compromise on the fundamental rights of a free press despite the new spirit of conciliation at the international conference on Freedom of Information.

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RIP KIRBY

An amazing story of how he posed in Britain as an Englishman was told by a masked witness at the trial today of Captain John Stuart Smith, RAMC, who is on two charges of manslaughter and 14 of professional negligence in the treatment of internees held by British Intelligence. He has pleaded not guilty.

The whole case has been surrounded by secrecy. At the outset, it was stated that high State secrets would figure in the evidence. Saturday's hooded man described himself as Count Kurt Robert Butler Brandenfels, aged 28.

He told an amazing story of his change of nationality and pose in Britain as an Englishman.

He said he was not in British custody. In 1940 he became a naturalised Russian and renounced his German citizenship. He did not make it clear how it happened but he declared he was now Stateless.

In 1943 he was arrested by the Gestapo and later liberated by the Russians. In August, 1945, he flew to Britain, posing as an Englishman. He stayed for ten months until taken back to Germany under arrest.

In November, 1946, he was taken to the now famous Special Interrogations Centre at Bodenndoerff.

In evidence, the Count said he was made to stand at attention on his festering feet while being interrogated at the Centre.

He described how he was put in the "cold punishment cell" in mid-winter. The cell was unfurnished. It had a concrete floor only half-covered with linoleum. The window had no glass in it.

Icy Water

A British sentry threw a bucket of water over the floor which froze. Using icy water, he had to scrub the wall for nearly two hours. He was wearing only shirt, trousers and socks. His feet were soaked in icy water and bled.

Finally, Butler Brandenfels said he broke off the handle of spoon and swallowed it.

The court adjourned until Monday.—Associated Press.

Burmese Prince Murdered

Rangoon, Apr. 11. Official reports today confirmed the reported killing of Prince Taw Paya Gyi and blamed the Communist insurgents.

The prince was the 20-year-old grandson of the late King Thibaw, who served as Burma's last Burmese monarch from 1878 until his removal by the British in 1885.

The prince was shot dead on Thursday near the Communist stronghold of Philmann in Central Burma. His British travelling companion, J. S. Cook, who was wounded in the assault, has since died.

They were attacked while travelling in a station wagon. Official reports also said that armed guards had beaten off a Communist attack on a passenger train near Philmann, killing eight Communists while losing one killed and eight wounded.

In the Pegu District in southern Burma three Communists were reported killed and eight wounded in an attack on a police station.—Associated Press.

SIAM CONSULATE FOR SWATOW

Canton, Apr. 11. The Siamese Government will open a Consulate in Swatow some time this month, according to reports from that city received in Canton.

These reports state that a large number of Swatow's natives are anxious to emigrate to, or re-enter, Siam, and this prompted Siam's decision to send a consular representative there.

The Chinese Government, in agreement with Siam, will allow only 10,000 Chinese emigrants to Siam each year. Of this number, 7,000 will be from Swatow, 1,300 from Canton, 400 from Amoy, 1,150 from Hollow and 150 from other districts in South China.—Reuter.

"Hopeful"

Benton said the conference progressed better than the Americans had anticipated. A high percentage of resolutions introduced by the United States has already been approved, he said.

"We can now say that the conference has reached the point where the American delegation is hopeful that it will accomplish more than we had any right to anticipate when we sailed from New York."—United Press.

TOKYO STRIKE

Tokyo, Apr. 11. Workers on three privately owned railway lines and one bus line struck today, crippling traffic to Yokohama and Tokyo suburbs. Government operated lines continued to function.

The strike followed a breakdown of the union-management talks on a wages dispute.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION DEBTS

Manila, Apr. 10. The Supreme Court today declared in a ruling that payment made to Japanese during the occupation for the liquidation of an indebtedness is valid.—Reuter.

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Chiang Can't Live For Ever

Washington, Apr. 10. The "Evening Star" in an editorial today, said that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's admission that seven of his best Divisions have been destroyed was a "courageous statement but not very reassuring."

The editorial said: "Chiang cannot live forever. The forces he rallied around him might soon fall apart without the binding element of his remarkable ability. In that case, there would be chaos, and the Communists conceivably would take over in fairly rapid order."—United Press.

BAN ON ATOMIC PRODUCTION?

New York, Apr. 10. A world-wide ban on large-scale atomic production was suggested by American atomic scientists tonight as a means of advancing the discussion of the United Nations atomic control proposals, now deadlocked by Soviet objections.

They thought that if the ban was added to the UNO proposals, it would break the deadlock, and said that they had already suggested this to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

The spokesman for the scientists was Mr. Cuthbert Daniel, Chairman of the Working Committee of the Association of Scientists for Atomic Education in the Atlantic region, who told a press conference:

"The people would be willing to forget about atomic power if they could only stop worrying about the atomic bomb."

"That is just about what our suggestion amounts to," he added.

Total System

Paris, Apr. 10. The Vietminh radio, controlled by the Left-wing Indochinese autonomy movement, today threatened Dao Duy, ex-Emperor of Annam, with assassination if he enters into collaboration with the French Government, the Agence France Presse reported from Saigon today.

The French news agency quoted the Vietminh radio as saying "If Dao Duy collaborates with the French Government, he will escape assassination only through the protection of French tanks."

The agency emphasised that this was the first time the Vietminh radio had directly threatened the former monarch, and that until now it had simply offered him "advice and warnings not to lend himself to colonial and imperialist manoeuvres."

Yesterday, M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner, was reported to be willing to restart negotiations with Dao Duy for the purpose of restoring the former monarch to his throne.

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Stassen Rests But Dewey Carries On

Chicago, Apr. 10.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey today carried his fight for votes into Western Nebraska—but Harold Stassen rested from his political labours until Monday, when he will make a final appeal to voters in that State's primary on Tuesday. Meanwhile, 400 supporters gathered here from 45 States to set up the formal organisation of the "New Party" which will push Henry Wallace's independent candidacy for President.

Dewey stretched his campaign tour of Nebraska to the third day so he could talk to residents in the western farm sections, where Stassen's followers are claimed to be increasing in strength. Stassen expressed confidence he would be the top man among the seven candidates entered in the Republican contest.

Mrs. Mary Kenney, chairman of the Nebraska "Drive for MacArthur," said that a cable from the General convinced her he would "not quit" the race if he placed low in the primary.

The cable said: "You may be surprised to learn that on March 9 that I will be available for any public duty to which I might be called by the American people. It is not limited to any particular political task but was a re-statement of my concept of the responsibility of citizenship for which I then stood, now stand and shall continue as long as I live."

Some observers are wondering whether the phrase "not limited to any particular political task" means that MacArthur will be willing to accept Vice-Presidential nomination.

Drive For Funds

Wallace followers plan a national convention and drive to raise \$1,000,000 for Wallace's campaign. The money will be raised chiefly among Labour Union members.

Senator Taft, who is competing actively with Stassen, Dewey and MacArthur in Nebraska, said he considered his chances "very favourable."

Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, Governor Earl Warren of California and House Speaker Joe Martin have entered but have not campaigned.—United Press.

JUNKS CAUGHT

Manila, Apr. 10. Two Chinese Junks have been apprehended in Philippine waters off Illocos Sur and La Union provinces by a patrol vessel of the Philippine Naval patrol.—Reuter.

Taiwan Demanding Autonomy

Nanking, Apr. 11.

The "Hsin Min Pao" quoting members of the Taiwan delegation to the National Assembly said today that they planned to introduce a resolution granting Taiwan self-government within the framework of the Chinese Republic.

A spokesman, Helen Chang-chang, said the action was being taken because of the Central Government's broken promises, which Gen. Pai Ching-hual made to the islanders after the bloody incidents on Feb. 28, 1947, which include certain rights of autonomy.

The delegates emphasised that the island is not seeking complete independence but the right to elect certain officials and to adopt certain laws under which self-government will be possible.—Associated Press.

THE TRUE SUBMARINE

Washington, Apr. 11.

The Navy indicated today that it may be on the brink of finding out how to build a "true" submarine—one that possesses speed, maneuverability, long range and complete independence of outside air supply.

New methods of propulsion are envisioned which will make this goal possible," said the announcement which did not elaborate. However, there is speculation on both atomic energy and possible improvement of the German experimental method of carrying hydrogen peroxide aboard to provide the oxygen necessary to run the engines.

The Navy conceded that the German "Shorkel," a breathing tube which permits subs to stay submerged as long as fuel lasts, and the German high-speed wartime "submarines" were "logical steps in the evolution of the true submarine."—United Press.

ARMED ROBBERY

Inmates of an unnumbered hut in Fau Chok-yuen Village, Kowloon City, were rudely awakened at 1 a.m. yesterday to find three masked men inside armed with revolvers.

The family of four was herded into a rear cubicle by the intruders and, while one stood on guard, the others ransacked the house. The robbers escaped before any call for help could be made.

Budapest, Apr. 9.

American films shown here will be "adapted to Hungarian ideas" by cutting and by special subtitles, the Chairman of the recently-created Film Office announced today. He added that British and American films would not be barred because Hungary needed between 200 and 250 features annually and the Russians produced only 50.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today

Meeting of Australians & New Zealanders to discuss arrangements for Anti-Day (April 28), at Cremorne Club, Cremorne Road, Central, 5.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates, Ltd., annual meeting, 5th flr., China Building, 12 noon.

Bishop R.O. Hall invested with Order of the Brilliant Star with Plaque by Mr. T.W. Kwok, Chinese Foreign Affairs Commissioner, at 10, Po Shan Road, 12 noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

China Coast Navigating & Engineering Officers' Guild, Annual General Meeting, Union Building, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

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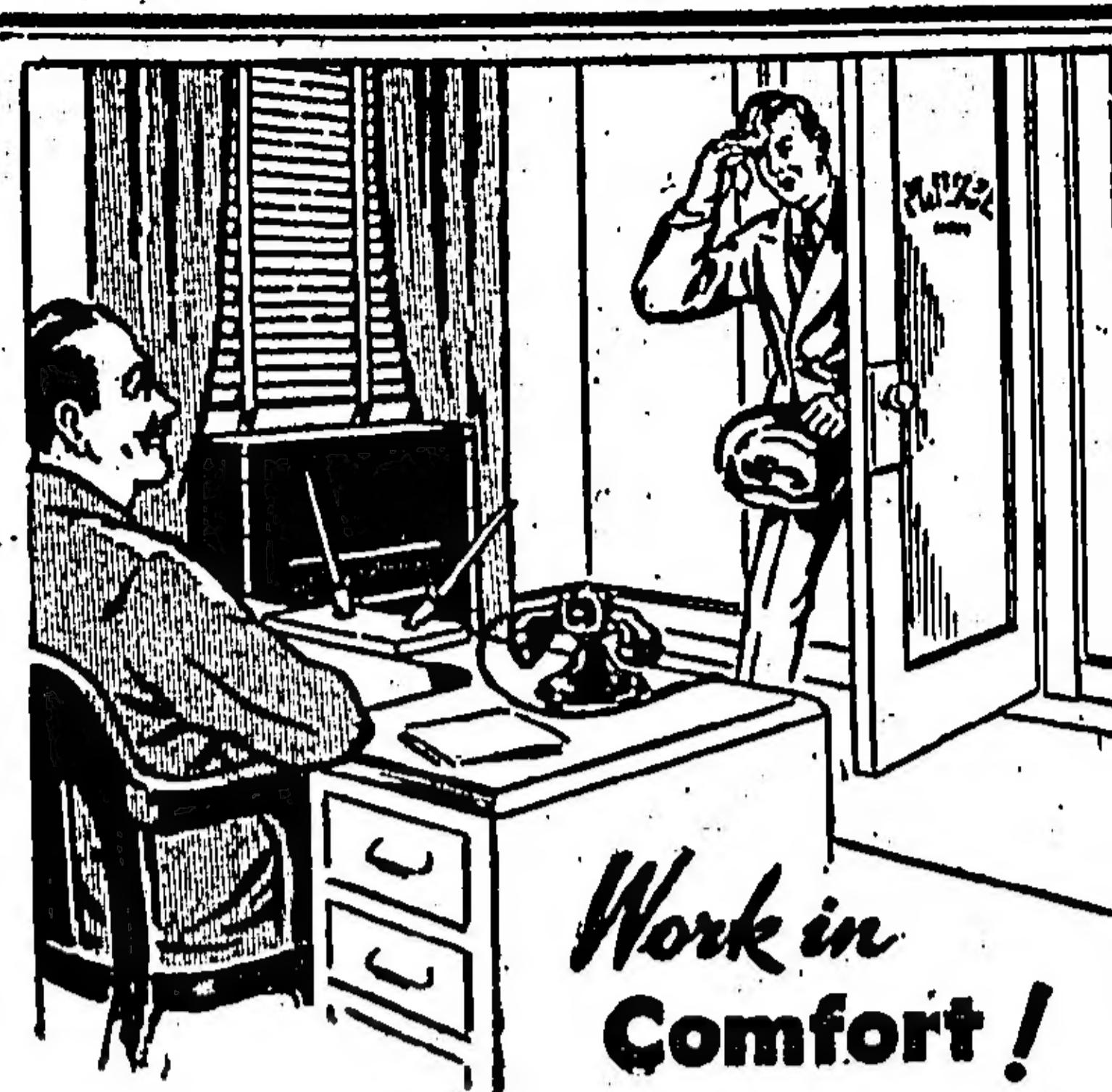
Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Some Personal Opinions about Social Welfare" by J. C. McDonald, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O.

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Committee of Little Flower Club meeting, 8 p.m.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 15th April, 1948, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and Bonus and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 16th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

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NOTICE TO Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE

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A. D. OLIE
Marine Supt.

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The latter bases might well have to be on the Eurasian continent, separated from America by sea but (on the other hand) accessible overland to a mass number of nations in Europe and Asia."

Stark Fact

While Royall spoke, 20 planes of the "New York War Resistance League" paraded outside the Waldorf Astoria Hotel asking for a defeat of the draft and universal military training. Royall said:

"The bare stark fact is today our army is not big enough to carry out defensive or offensive operations necessary if war should come."

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The Annual General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 12th, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.
Hongkong, April 10th, 1948.

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2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 13th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

United States Need For More Bases

New York, Apr. 10. The U.S. Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth C. Royall, said today that the United States may need bases on the "Eurasian continent" from which she would be able to "carry war to any enemy lands."

Royall told a meeting of the "Military Order of World Wars" that U.S. appeasers of Russia are partially responsible for the Czechoslovak coup and are "contributing directly to the added possibility of a Third World War."

He said that any potential enemy must be denied potential bases "on or near the American continent" and also prevented the use of more distant bases from which suicidal one-way missions could be launched against our cities and our atomic plants and other vital installations.

"In order to carry war to any enemy lands we must be able to hold still more distant bases sufficiently near to the enemy for repetitive and decisive bombing raids against him."

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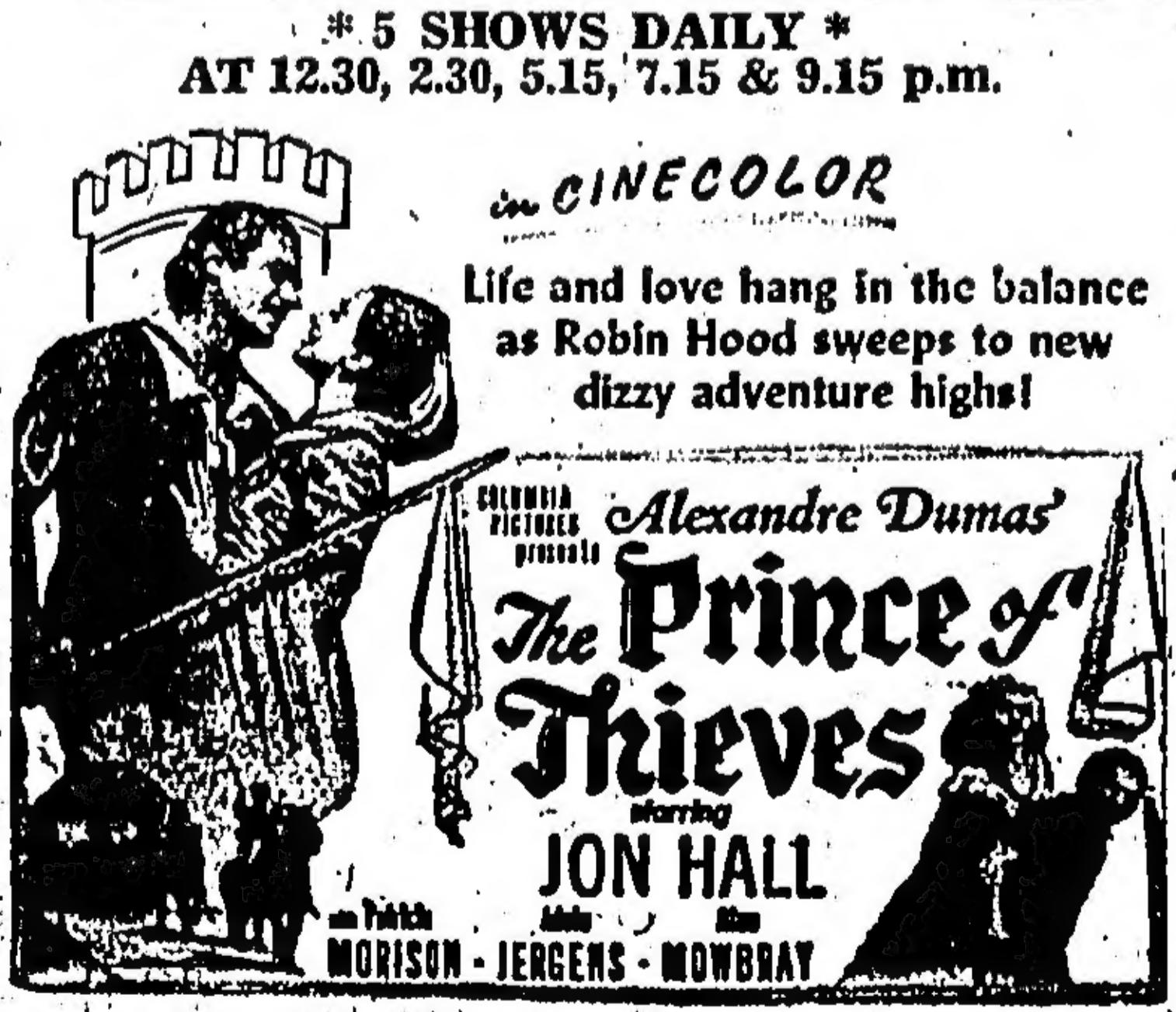
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SOVIET RUSSIA INVOKES VETO AGAINST ITALY

Turned Down For The Third Time

Lake Success, Apr. 10.
Soviet Russia vetoed the admission of Italy to the United Nations in the Security Council tonight, whereupon the United States hinted at a "formula" to secure for Italy a voice without a vote in the General Assembly.

Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate, after making this suggestion to the Council, said afterwards it might be possible to work out a scheme under which any nation which obtained the requisite majority of support in both the Security Council and the General Assembly could be an "associate member" in matters involving its own national interest.

He made it clear that while this new idea arose particularly from what he called the "unfair" treatment of Italy, it would extend to Portugal, Eire, Austria, Transjordan and Finland, all of which had received substantial minority support in the Security Council.

M. Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, told the Security Council the admission of Italy had been made a "political game" by Britain and the United States to influence a vote to the Right in the Italian elections, and that, unless it was linked with the admission of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, he would oppose it.

Senator Austin said Russia was "misusing Italy in trying to force the Security Council to admit non-peace-loving nations."

Only Russia and the Ukraine voted against Italy, with nine nations, including France and Britain, for Italy.

After the vote Senator Austin declared emphatically: "It is most unfair and unrealistic to put Italy on the same status as

other ex-enemy states. I can only conclude this action means the Soviet Union is not a friend of the Italian people."

"The Soviet Union is misusing Italy in trying to force the Security Council to admit non-peace-loving nations. No friend of Italy could, in his conscience, use her in such a manoeuvre."

He declared that the General Assembly should consider whether it were possible to devise some measure by which Italy could have a voice in the United Nations.

No Point

"Such a formula should could be found," he said.

When the Security Council resumed after the evening adjournment, the President of the Council, Dr. Lopez, said that, unless any member had anything to say on pending applications, there would be no point in discussing them.

These applications are from Eire, Portugal and Transjordan (all supported by a majority of the Security Council) and Albania, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Outer Mongolia (supported by the Soviet Union.)

The session then adjourned.—Reuter.

Reaction

Rome, Apr. 10. Italian political reaction to Russia's third veto of Italy's admission to the United Nations was swift and bitter and left little doubt that the Communists had suffered another damaging blow in the vital closing days of the pre-election fight.

A Government source said: "It has been expected, but somehow there had been hope that Russia would not deny Italy for the third time—not on the eve of the April 18 elections. Let the Communists explain this away, if they can."

The Communists had made it clear earlier that the Russian veto would be supported on the basis that Italy could not be admitted unless the Soviet satellite countries are taken in by the United Nations at the same time.

Political observers pointed out, however, that the last Russian veto has brought vicious condemnation of the Communists from all quarters and that Italian nationalism, now at its postwar high, would make any defense of Russia's action unacceptable.

The Government source said the veto "indicated that Italian Communism is going to be left to its own resources by Russia. There may still be some last-minute Russian gesture to help Togliatti, but now it cannot do any more than to balance the veto."

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S. Africa's General Election

Ike Still Says "No"

Washington, Apr. 10.
General Dwight D. Eisenhower today reiterated his refusal to accept nomination for the Presidency of the United States. Saying that he meant every word of his statement of January 23, in which he declared that he would not accept the nomination, General Eisenhower added: "I have made up my mind to say nothing more."

He insisted that in talk he had had with President Truman, he had "merely discussed the general layout of the defence forces under the new preparedness programme."—Reuter.

Johannesburg, Apr. 10.
A general election will be held in South Africa on May 28, an official proclamation said on Saturday.

The election will be fought between the Prime Minister, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, veteran internationalist, and Doctor Malan, an outspoken isolationist. Smuts leads the United Party. Malan heads the Nationalist Party, a group which at the outbreak of the last war sought to have South Africa declare itself neutral. Smuts managed to defeat the motion by a thirteen-vote majority.

During the war the Nationalists abstained for a separate peace on several occasions.

In the domestic field, the Nationalists seek complete racial segregation and the elimination of Indians and Africans from legislative bodies.

Other Parties

The other parties, Labour and Independents, also are expected to campaign for Parliamentary seats. The Labour Party has reached an agreement with the Smuts group that it intends to give Labourites seven or eight seats. Political observers say the Independents may not win more than one seat.

This would leave 141 seats to be fought for by the two main parties.—Associated Press.

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1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—London Radio Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.40 p.m.—Programme Summary.

5.00 p.m.—Hospital Requesit Half Hour presented by Ethel Holmes Brown (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Recital of His Majesty the King's Speech at the Unveiling of the Roosevelt Memorial.

7.30 p.m.—"I Like what I Like" Presented by Binkie Mackie (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (BBC).

8.15 p.m.—Violin Solo by Yehudi Menuhin.

8.30 p.m.—Music by Jascha Heifetz.

8.50 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.45 p.m.—Sonata by Charles Kullman (Tenor).

9.50 p.m.—"A Pile of Wood" A Mystery Play by Evelyn Russell (BBC).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Something for Everybody.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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Time For A
Clean Sweep

April 11: Our North African undertaking has cost us much equipment and blood. When all is said and done the Italians are really responsible. They ought at least to have prepared sufficient resources. Our allies are certainly the worst in the world!

Morale is changing constantly. All sorts of things are criticized. No one can picture just how the war is to end and how we are to win the victory.

It is dangerous for the people to keep arguing that we may not last through a third winter of war if we fall to smash the Soviet Union this summer.

April 12: In the evening I started for Berchtesgaden with Funk to take part in the conference called by Goering.

It is high time that the Fuehrer made a clean sweep. Funk told me a number of stories about Goering's entourage that simply make one shudder.

The events in question are connected with the Reichsbank and Funk naturally knows the exact details. The Fuehrer must be informed about this.

April 17: A number of English papers and periodicals have been laid before me which give evidence of great respect for my person and my work.

One calls me the most dangerous member of the Nazi gang. I can well be very proud of this praise.

The Third Programme is dedicated to the "serious listener" who prefers a Mozart concerto or the "Electra" of Euripides to a rumba band or a slice of overripe comedy. But the BBC has discovered that not all serious listeners are intellectuals and aesthetes, blue-stockings and stuffed shirts. A large sector of the radio audience, it appears, likes a chance to listen quietly as well as laugh loudly.

Serious listeners in other lands will prick up their ears at this news. When the Third Estate starts listening to the Third Programme in Britain, the rumblings of revolt may be expected to reach even the sponsors of soap opera in the United States.

Undoubtedly very strong aversion against bombing would crystallise even in aviation circles if every captured flier were executed who bombed residential quarters.

I'm very much tempted to propose that to the Fuehrer. Naturally it has its bright and its dark sides, but I believe in this case the bright side outweighs the dark, because the English and Americans probably would not have the guts to reply with adequate reprisals, whereas we of course would.

The Fuehrer gave orders that the execution of the American airmen is to be given great prominence in the Press.

Paranoia

April 24: Snuckel is suffering from paranoia. When he signs a manifesto with the words, "Written on the Fuehrer's birthday in an airplane over Russia," it smells of the crude old Weimar style. It is high time that his wings were clipped.

Snuckel has published a new book of hate containing a programme that fits wonderfully into our propaganda line. This fellow is really worth his weight in gold to our propaganda.

After the war a monument ought to be erected to him somewhere in Germany with the inscription, "To the Englishman who rendered the greatest service to the German cause during the war."

April 25: I gather that a truly grotesque situation obtains in Warsaw. The Jews tried to leave the ghetto by subterranean passages. Thereupon these underground passages were flooded. The ghetto is now under artillery fire.

I learn that terrible conditions prevail in the Messerschmitt airplane works. The claim is made that for a year and a half no planes worth mentioning have been sent to the front, because too much work went into designing, and such samples as were produced proved to be failures.

Truly charming prospects for the future!

That explains why the Luftwaffe is urging the Fuehrer with all possible eloquence to start an offensive in the East this summer.

April 18: Quite superfluously the Italians have issued a detailed report about the battle in North Africa in which they lavish great praise on the English. That wasn't exactly necessary. The report is simply terrible.

I gave orders to investigate all Jews still left in Berlin. I don't want to see Jews with the Star of David running about in the capital. I believe I shall have completed one of the greatest political achievements of my career once Berlin is free of Jews.

Here and there certain groups of Germans express the idea that Bolshevism really isn't as bad as the Nazis represent it to be.

That is owing to the fact that our consideration for the families of men missing in action in the East has been such that we have not described the atrocities of Bolshevism as they actually happened.

For it is only as a member of one or more of the already existent groupings of society that the individual can take a responsible part in bringing organized order among all groups. Even the proponents of a world federal union stress the fact that national citizenship would not be renounced thereby, but incorporated as an organic element in a larger citizenship—as the citizen of the United States today is at the same time a citizen of his own state and of his local community.

It takes more than a desparate idealism to bring world citizenship to maturity. It also takes more than a stolid indifference to any ideal beyond the immediate national interest.

April 19: The English are in no position to strike at our vital areas. When I look at the picture of the Atlantic Wall, I have a feeling that we are sitting in Europe in an absolutely secure fortress.

April 20: Dr. Ley visited me.

He doesn't believe that Goering

Goebbel's Diary

has the stamina to take a leading part in the direction of the Reich's affairs.

The Fuehrer is not too well pleased with Goering. Nevertheless he believes, as I do, that Goering's authority is indispensable to the supreme leadership of the Reich. We must strengthen and support this authority, no matter how difficult it may be at times.

Mussolini has become an old man. He looks sick and frail, and gives the impression of being tired and washed-out. The Fuehrer can only pity him. His army is cheating him wherever it can and he has no one on whom he can absolutely rely.

A number of front-line soldiers

of the Waffen-SS troops who re-captured Karkov were my guests. What they told me about conditions behind the German lines baffles all description.

Our army supply organisations have been guilty of real war crimes. There ought really to be a lot of executions to re-establish order. Unfortunately the Fuehrer won't agree to this.

Our supply services abandoned tremendous quantities of food, weapons, and munitions without destroying them; on the other hand, during the retreat they took with them carpets, desks, pictures, furniture, even Russian typists, claiming these were important war booty.

April 23: Roosevelt protested in an extraordinary sharp note against the conviction by a Japanese court martial and execution of the United States airmen who bombed Tokyo last year.

We are seizing upon this opportunity to join the Japanese in taking violent issue with the Anglo-Saxon Powers on the question of air warfare. Possibly air warfare will take a new turn as a result of this stand.

Undoubtedly very strong aversion against bombing would crystallise even in aviation circles if every captured flier were executed who bombed residential quarters.

It staggers the imagination to envisage what would happen to the civilised nations of Europe if they were to fall into the hands of the Bolsheviks or the American gangster politicians.

There the Fuehrer expressed the opinion that we were entirely wrong in believing that Stalin would ruin the Red Army by the way he handled it.

The opposite was true: Stalin got rid of all opposition in the Red Army and thereby brought an end to defeatism.

The introduction of political commissars, too, has greatly enhanced the striking power of the Red Army.

When one takes into account that the primitive human material of the East can be taught discipline only by strictness, one can imagine what purpose Stalin would have in mind when he introduced political commissars and what he has actually accomplished there.

Stalin enjoys a further advantage over us in being opposed by no "high society." He rid himself of this opposition by liquidations during the past 25 years.

Although the opposition of our "high society" constitutes no danger, it can create all sorts of petty annoyances. It grumbles and complains without having any knowledge of the facts, and thereby greatly reduces our driving power.

Stalin has a much easier time than ourselves. His people have all been set in one groove. They are subjected, either to Bolshevik education or to the Bolshevik whip: no other opinion prevails in the Soviet Union save that of the Kremlin bosses.

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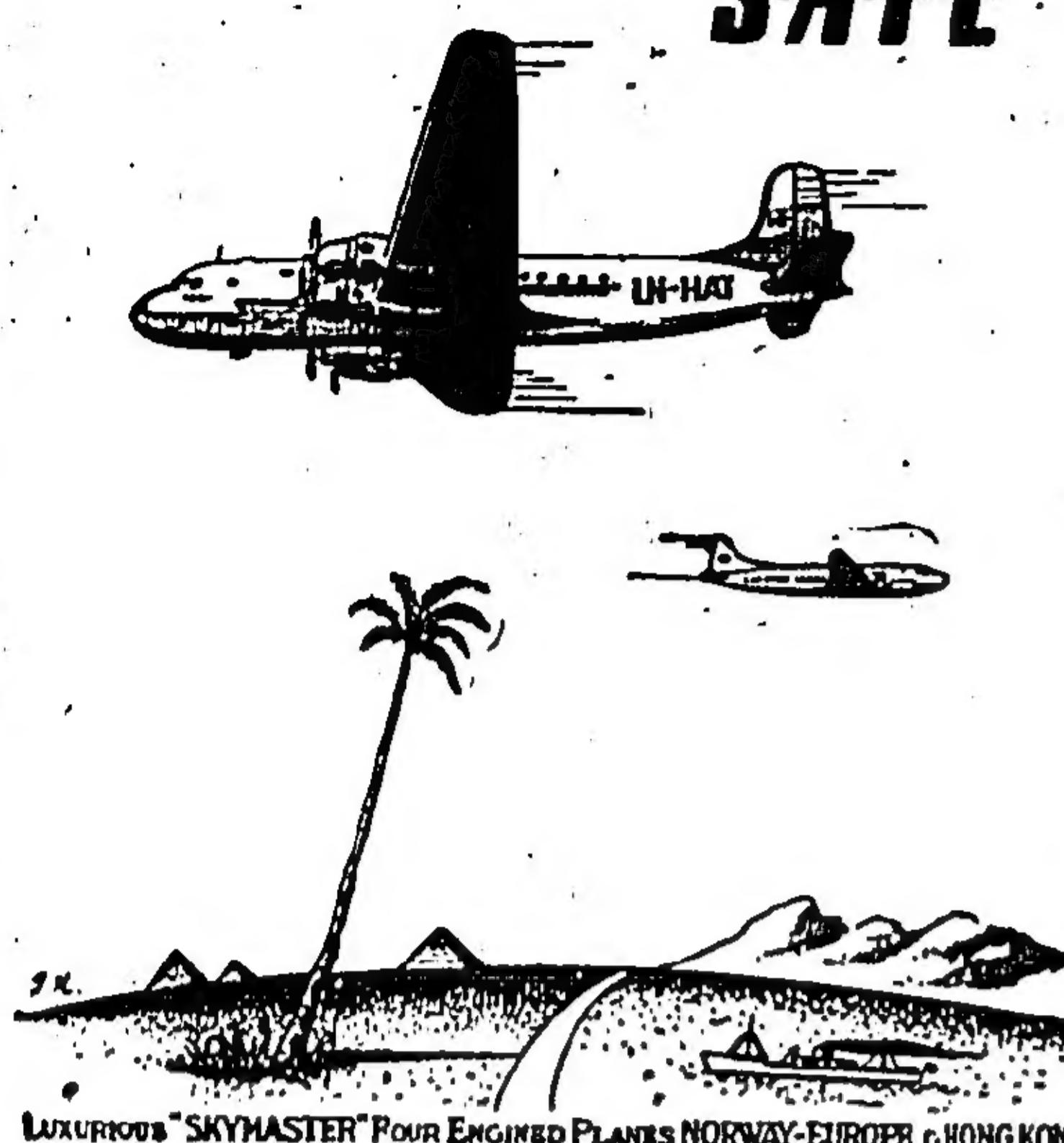
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No More Passes For British Technicians To Repair Telephone Cables

Similar Notice To Americans

Berlin, Apr. 10.

The Soviet authorities refused today to renew sector passes for British technicians maintaining telephone cables in the Berlin area, thus threatening a breakdown in telephone and telegraph communications between the city and the British Zone.

The American authorities in Berlin announced today that they had also been informed by the Russians that passes for American engineers in the Russian Zone maintaining cable communications between Berlin and the United States Zone will expire on April 15.

The Russian authorities in Berlin will not renew these passes after the date of expiry, it is announced.

If their passes are not renewed, it is presumed here that the British technicians will be evicted.

The bulk of all Berlin communications traffic is carried by the telephone and telegraph cables, which pass through the Magdeburg station in the heart of the Soviet Zone.

Cut Off

Its failure to operate normally would imperil not only such communications between the Control Commission Headquarters in Berlin and the Administration in the British Zone, but also telephone and telegraph communications with the outside world.

The Russians have given no reason for refusing to renew the passes and, so far, have not indicated that they will themselves undertake to maintain the cables essential to communications between Berlin and the West.—Reuter.

Soviet Pattern

These actions were regarded by Western authorities as part of a calculated Soviet pattern intended to make the position of Britain, the U.S. and France untenable in this international island behind the Iron Curtain.

Disclosing the new Soviet proposed air safety regulations, Major General William E. Hall,

MARRIES GIRL WHO HID HIM

London, Apr. 10. A British ex-soldier today married the Italian girl who sheltered him when he escaped from a Prisoner of War camp more than four years ago.

The couple are Joseph Sullivan and Miss S. Braglia, whose home is near Milan.

Sullivan, captured in the African desert fighting, escaped when Italy surrendered. Miss Braglia hid him from the Germans for a year and finally smuggled him into Switzerland.

The bride went without her wedding veil which she tried to bring from Italy.

Italian customs officers would not let her bring it out, she said.—Associated Press.

Maj. Young Wins Appeal

Rangoon, Apr. 10. Major H. H. Young, former officer commanding the Burma Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, today won his appeal against a two years' prison sentence passed a few weeks ago for allegedly unlawfully selling an American-made carbine to the condemned ex-Premier, U. Saw.

U. Saw was condemned to death for his part in the assassination of six Burmese Cabinet members last July. The Judge, in ordering Major Young's acquittal, observed that a test on Monday showed that Khin Maung Yin, U. Saw's 20-year-old nephew (also under sentence of death), on whose evidence the officer was criminally convicted, "could not be relied upon."—Associated Press.

Pearl Harbour, Apr. 10. The U.S. Navy announced today that the radioactive destroyer "Mayrant," one of the Bikini target vessels, was sunk off Kwajalein on April 9. It was the tenth target ship sunk because the atomic bomb made the vessels uninhabitable.—United Press.

CREDITS FOR SPAIN

Buenos Aires, Apr. 9. The new "Franco-Peron" protocol to the Argentine-Spanish commercial treaty of October, 1946, was signed here today. Under the protocol, it was disclosed today, Argentina grants Spain new credits for grain and other food of 350,000,000 pesos a year for the next four years.

The credits will be paid off by the construction and maintenance of port installations, elevators and freezing plants in a free zone at Cadiz, which Spain cedes to Argentina, and by Argentine investments in mining and commercial enterprises in Spain.—Reuter.

Death Of German Democrat

Berlin, Apr. 10. The top non-Communist politician in Soviet-occupied Germany, Wilhelm Kuezl, died here today.

The headquarters of the Liberal Democratic Party announced that their leader succumbed after a heart attack.

Kuezl worked closely with the Russians throughout the occupation and was often mentioned as the favourite Soviet choice for first Chancellor of Eastern Germany if and when a separate Government is organised in that area.—United Press.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN INQUIRY INTO AIR CRASH

Berlin, Apr. 10. The Soviet authorities in Berlin proposed a four-man board to take part in the Anglo-Russian inquiry into last week's air crash over Berlin, in a letter today to General Sir Brian Robertson, the Britain Military Governor. The Soviet four-man board would be headed by General Alexandrov.

In an article published in the official Soviet German-language newspaper "Tasgliche Rundschau" yesterday, he said full blame for the accident unreservedly on the British pilot.

Sokolovsky "Absent"

General Dratvin said that he was replying to General Robertson's letter in "the absence of Marshal Sokolovsky." No official information about Marshal Sokolovsky's whereabouts has been made available.

Rumours that the Soviet Marshal had returned to Moscow for consultations, though they cannot be confirmed, were still current tonight.—Reuter.

"World Trial" Move Causes Concern

Lake Success, Apr. 10. An American movement to reform the United Nations and hold a "world trial" by a special Control Assembly to decide whether the United States or Russia has best served the cause of peace, is causing concern here.

The group of 16 Senators behind the move are asking for a fundamental reorganisation of the United Nations, or without Russian consent, and the abolition of the right of veto on issues involving allegations of aggression or preparations for aggression.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia has protested to the United States about the "more and more frequent violations of Yugoslav air space by American aircraft." Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported tonight.

The protest listed instances of flights by United States planes which "all returned in the direction of Italy."

The temporary grounding of internal Yugoslav air services had been ordered as part of a "general 'savings' campaign rather than because of fuel shortages, it was officially stated.—Reuter.

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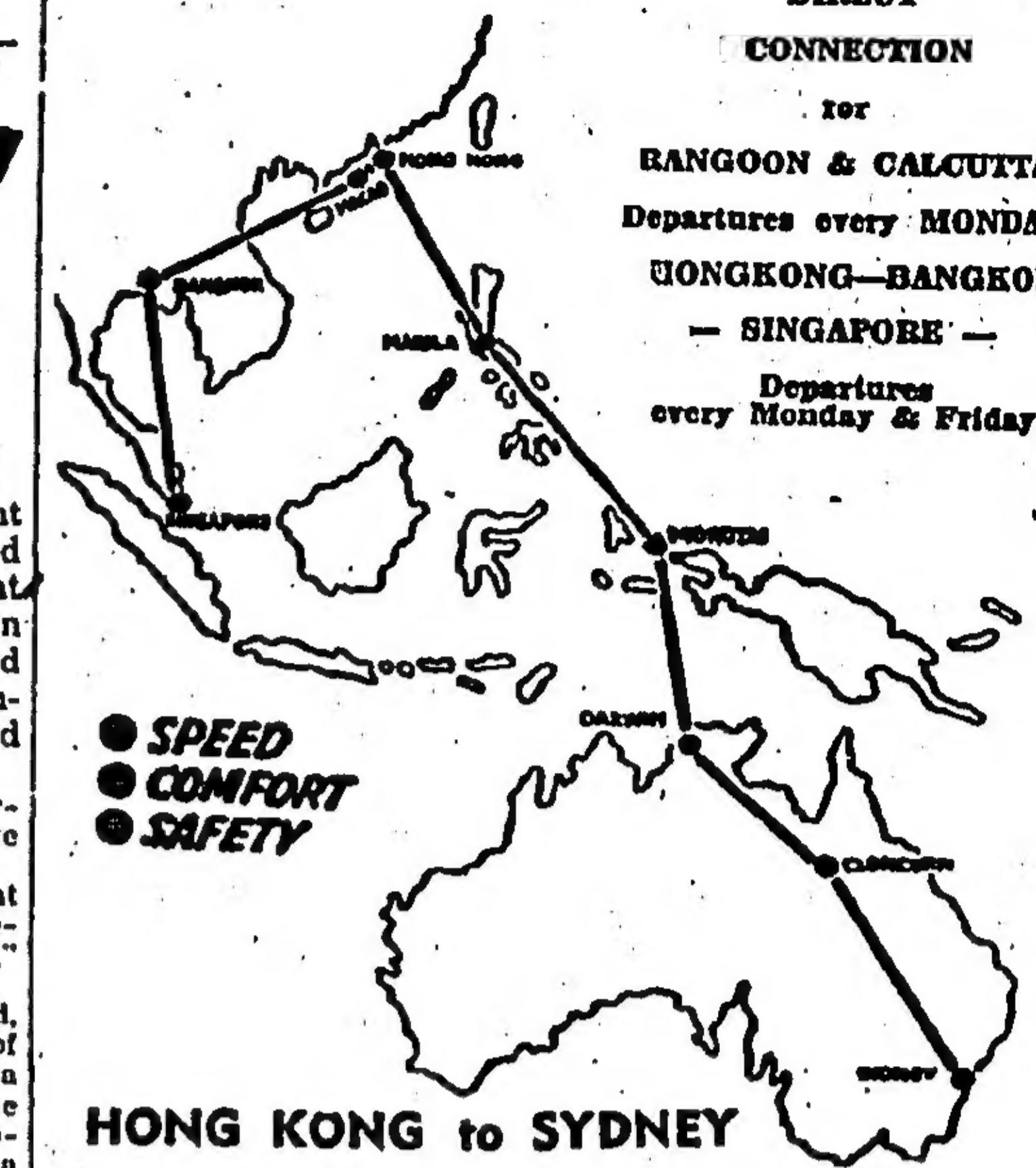
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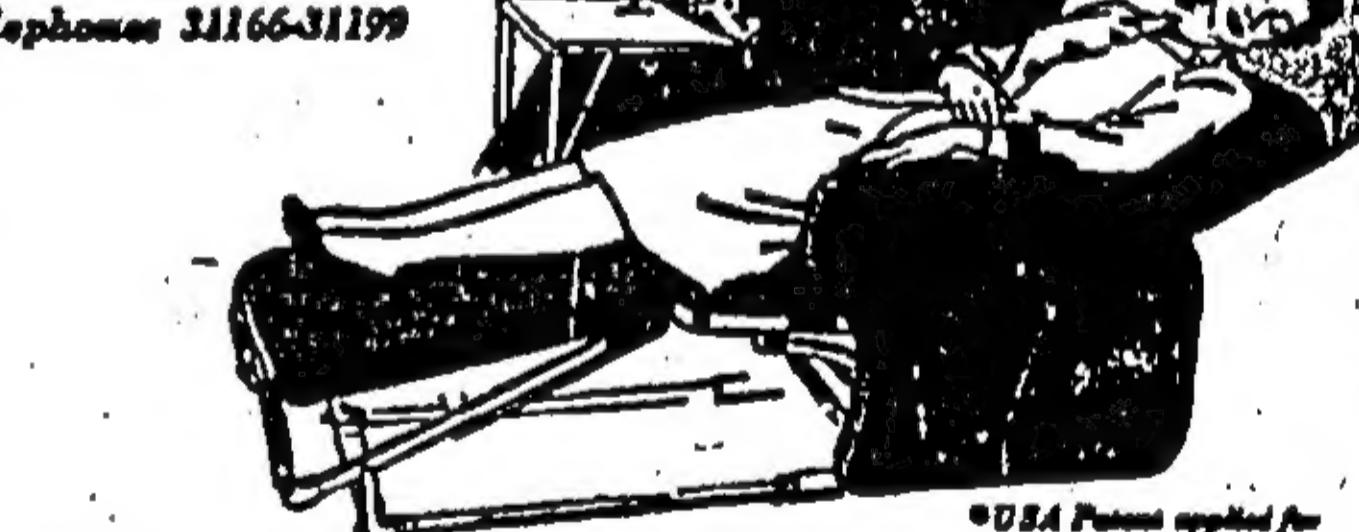
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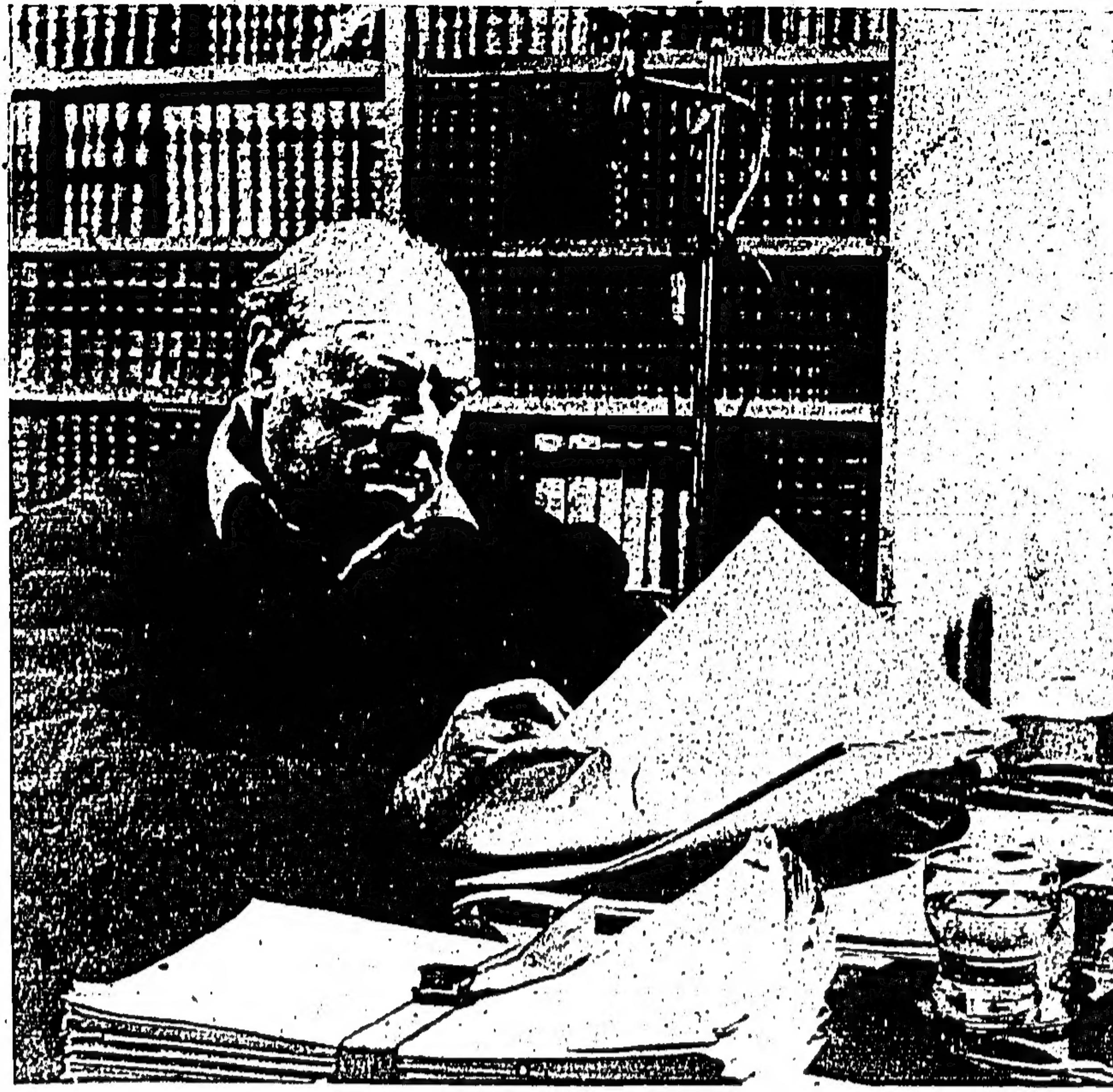
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UNO URGED TO SEND TROOPS TO DISBAND HAGANAH

Cairo, Apr. 10. Syria's Premier Gamil Mardam Bey urged on Saturday that the United Nations send a military force to disband the Jewish force Haganah in Palestine in order to "consolidate justice and peace."

Arriving for the crucial session of the Arab League Political Committee in Cairo on Saturday night, the Syrian Premier said Haganah, "a foreign terrorist army," must be disbanded before the Arabs can accept a Holy Land truce. He called the U.S. proposal of trusteeship for Palestine "another name for a mandate."

Mardam Bey said the League's Political Committee is composed of representatives whose countries would formulate instructions for Arab delegates to follow when the United Nations Assembly again takes up the fate of Palestine on April 16.

The Political Committee will consider the trusteeship question, the Syrian leader said, "but as a principle we reject trusteeship and demand the immediate independence of Palestine."

Arabs To Oppose Communists?

Beirut, Apr. 10. Authoritative Arab sources disclosed today that the Arab League meeting in Cairo will consider a proposal to join the Western Democracies in an anti-Communist bloc.

In return, the sources said, the Arabs would insist on a unified democratic Palestine and the release of all Arab States from treaty obligations with Britain or any other foreign power.

Authoritative sources said the League did not want any repetition of the Trans-Jordan treaty with Britain which, it was felt, set a poor precedent. The League wants all member States to form a coordinated Arab policy not entangled with outside nations by any treaties.

Cairo reports indicated that the League may propose acceptance of temporary trusteeship for Palestine with the aim of realizing Palestine's eventual independence as a unified nation.—United Press.

JAP MYSTERY DISEASE

Tokyo, Apr. 10. Eight persons have died and 20 are seriously ill in an undiagnosed epidemic in Shantou village near Sendai in northern Honshu, reports the British Commonwealth Occupation Force newspaper "B.C.O.N."

The disease is said to be accompanied by high fever and paralysis and victims have died within one to ten days after contracting the disease.—Reuter.

TRAINING FLIGHT

Valetta, Apr. 10. A dozen P-47 fighters of the United States Air Force, led by a Flying Fortress and accompanied by a single Dakota, arrived at Malta today after a 1,000-mile nonstop flight from a field near Munich.

This is the third in a series of training flights. The fighters plan to return after the weekend. The flight took 5 hours 20 minutes.—United Press.

"DEMONS" DIE

Shanghai, Apr. 10. Two convicted Japanese war criminals, known as the "Demons of Tsingtao," were executed by firing squad yesterday. They were H. Ohn, former chief of the Japanese Gendarmerie on Tsingtao Island in the Yangtze Delta, and K. Nakano, Special Service chief.

According to the text of the judgment, the two are said to have massacred a large number of Chinese guerrillas on the island during the war.—Reuter.

Britain Criticised In UNO Report

Lake Success, Apr. 10. Criticism of Britain for her alleged failure to cooperate fully with the United Nations Palestine Commission will be made in the Commission's 70-page report to the General Assembly, now almost ready, it was learned here tonight. The Assembly is due to meet in special session here next Friday.

The report, it was understood, would allege that the refusal of the British authorities to allow the Commission to function inside Palestine well ahead of May 15—Britain's withdrawal date—made it virtually impossible to carry out many practical measures contemplated in the partition plan.

Two other points in the report were expected to be:

1.—The failure of the big powers to agree on the methods of

Labour Tops A Record

Birmingham, Apr. 10. The Labour Party has more than 4,000,000 members, the first time its membership has topped the four million mark since 1921, Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Party, told a meeting here today.

Of the total, more than 4,310,000 was accounted for by membership of the 73 trade unions affiliated to the Party.—Reuter.

Navy To Protect Fishing Junks

Shanghai, Apr. 11. With the approach of the spring fishing season, Chinese Navy headquarters have decided to assign three naval vessels to patrol the Yellow Sea in order to protect fishing boats in the region, according to semi-official reports.

Over 100 fishing junks operate in the Yellow Sea area daily during the spring season.—Reuter.

Ottawa, Apr. 10. Field Marshal Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, accompanied by Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, Chief of the Canadian Air Staff, left here today in a long-range "Liberator" for a visit to Britain. The Governor-General will stay in England for three weeks.—Reuter.

ARABS ARMED BY RUSSIA?

London, Apr. 10. The International Committee for the Study of European Questions, mainly a Rightist body, declared in a report issued here today that the Soviet "offensive action" would this year spread from the Balkans to Palestine and the Mediterranean.

The report was issued with the agreement of a number of the sponsors of the Committee, which included Lord Vansittart, one of the chief diplomats sent to the Government, and M. Maurice Schumann, a prominent member of the French Popular Republican Party.

The report alleged that Russia had been supplying arms to Palestine Arabs through "Czechoslovak agents" and was helping, with special Soviet training,

The Jewish community can by no means be held responsible for such action, the report declared. The Committee welcomed recent moves for West European integration, but stated that these alone would not suffice to "stem the totalitarian effort of expansion."

The Committee, therefore, considers it imperative to stress again that only an effective union of all democratic parties can today succeed in maintaining peace and saving democratic liberties," the report said.—Reuter.

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JERUSALEM UNDER FIRE
All Communications With Coast Severed
British CasualtiesJerusalem, Apr. 10.
All communications between Jerusalem and the coast, 60 miles away, were severed today as the see-saw "Battle of the Western Approaches" of Jerusalem entered its second day.

The highway was made impassable in two places during the night by two explosions under bridges—apparently to stop Jewish convoys—and the railway lines between the Holy City and the coast are cut.

Telephone and tele-printer communications are also cut as the Arabs tighten their grip on this vital supply route for Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews now facing a critical food situation.

Arab forces today re-captured the village of Castel.

Jerusalem rocked by the thunder of heavy artillery shelled on Arab gunners sent shells into the Jewish industrial suburb of Givat Shaul. Jewish ambulances were reported to be rushing to the suburb on the outskirts of the Holy City.

Troops Killed

The casualties today included three British soldiers killed and six wounded. It was semi-officially stated.

They were in two lorries approaching Jerusalem along the main western highway from Safad when they were reported to have run into a heavy mortar duel between Arabs and Jews. Some of the survivors had to crawl for nearly two miles under fire.

Artillery opened up a dawn bombardment after night-long assault by Arab troops on this village in the Judean hills, which has already changed hands three times in seven days.

It was the scene of the death on Thursday of Abdul Kader Hussein, the veteran Arab guerrilla fighter.

Fawzi Bey Kawukji, commander of the "Arab Liberation Army," was throwing in strong Arab forces, composed of Syrians, Iraqis and local Arabs, to regain the stronghold.

Semi-official report said that 12 shells exploded inside the village.

French 75-mm.

As the Arabs reopened their attack, a Jewish convoy of about

20 vehicles, including 14 armoured cars carrying armed Jews, was held up at a Jewish settlement a few miles from Castel as it was travelling towards Jerusalem.

Arab sources reported that Arab gunners using French 75 millimetre field guns, sited in an Arab village, were today blasting the Jewish settlement of Klyrat Annanim, a few miles west of Castel on the Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem road.—Reuters.

**Widespread Purge
In Prague**Prague, Apr. 10.
The Police today announced the indictment of 46 former members of the Czech Socialist Party for underground and anti-State activity.

Three groups of arrests and indictments were announced in separate communiques. Two groups were charged with publishing illegal newspapers and pamphlets. It was the first public admission of the existence of an underground press since the February coup.

The three groups included 39 police officials, one student, three office workers and three unidentified civilians. Observers believed that the announcements are preliminary to a mass trial or a series of trials of members of the party formerly called the Nationalist Socialists.

The State, producing illegal copies of the "Svobodne Slovo" (Socialist organ) of provocative anti-State content and for illegal arming."

The second group of Prague policemen were accused of mutiny. The third, a student and a young civil servant, were charged with printing leaflets insulting the new State.

The Minister of Social Welfare, Eduard Erban, reports that 2,500 persons had already been fired as "reactionaries" from civil service, plus 5,800 from private or nationalized firms.

Two office workers and three unidentified persons were charged with "gatherings inimical to

the State, producing illegal copies of the "Svobodne Slovo" (Socialist organ) of provocative anti-State content and for illegal arming."

Employees are liable to dismissal if they "do not show sufficient understanding of the new people's democratic state or if they indicate through their attitude efforts to return the development of measures of adjustment, or even possess thoughts which are not in accord with these efforts," the order stated.—United Press.

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Twenty-five cases were discovered in Hamburg, only a few steps from Ribbentrop's hiding place, in a deep air-raid shelter. All were labelled with Ribbentrop's name.

Another part of Ribbentrop's "acquired" loot was discovered at Schloss "Julianna" Itzehoe in the British zone.

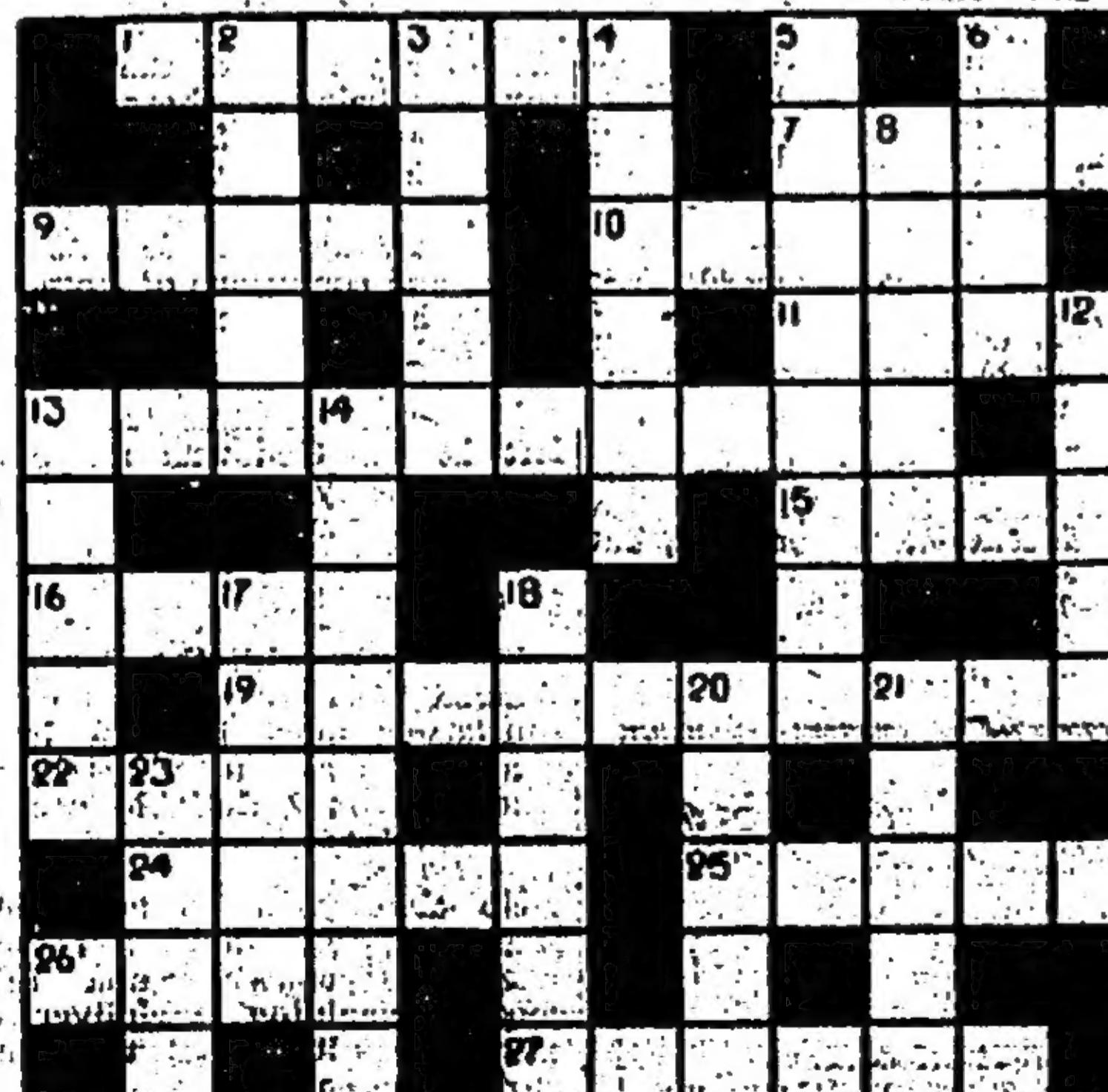
Interrogation officers discovered the first cases in October, 1945. Since then, numerous investigations have been made.

Fifty-four paintings and fifty-

nine carpets and tapestries have been discovered, most of them belonging to France.

The paintings are mostly of the early 19th Century, including the well-known "Flowers in the Vase" by Monet. Other well-known paintings are Courbet's "Winter Landscape" and Manet's "Pool of Water Lilies."

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Gothenburg/Oslo

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

W. EUROPEAN CURRENCIES
REVALUATION RUMOURS

Paris, Apr. 10.

Revaluation of Western European currencies is expected to be discussed at a meeting of Western Bloc Finance Ministers at Brussels within a month. Overall financial reforms, including probable devaluation of Sterling as well as a closer alignment of the Franc with the Benelux currencies, will be argued out at that time by the Finance Ministers of the five Brussels Pact nations, diplomatic sources disclose.

The quarterly Anglo-French economic talks of the past two days have skirted this thorny financial question, these sources reported. Experts of the two countries agreed to thrash out

the whole problem of convertibility of Western European monies next month, they said.

The two-day Anglo-French talks dealt principally with methods of cutting France's deficit trade balance of £70,000,000.

The British experts, headed by Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs in the Foreign Office, said Britain could not afford to increase her imports of French products at this time. Britain did agree, however, to accept 40,000 tons of semi-finished French steel during 1948 as one means of minimizing France's unfavourable trade balance.

Other imports later in 1948 were also agreed on at discussions held at the French Ministry of Economic Affairs, but a specific list of the products involved was not made public.

The forthcoming Brussels meeting to realign Western bloc currencies will be in line with Marshall Plan pledges made by those countries in the United States last year when the 16 non-Communist European nations agreed to stabilize their finances as soon as possible.

Transfers totalled \$20,000 shares. Gainers included Northern Pacific, Chesapeake

and Ohio, Illinois Central, American

Welland, Gulf Oil, Western

Hepburn, Canadian Pacific, East Coast

Power, Sunoco, Amoco, Laramie

Douglas Aircraft, Western Union,

Great Northern Railway, Union Pacific,

Dow Jones Averages—Stocks 65.66,

20 Industrials 129.48, 15 Rails 55.27, 10

Utilities 38.71.

Closing stock quotations:—Adams Ex-

press 17%, Alaska 30%, American

Can 30%, American Smelting 49

American Telephone 150%, American

Waterworks 15%, Anaconda Copper 55

Aviation Corp 4%, Baldwin Locomotive

14%, Barnard 39%, Bendix Aviation

33%, Bethlehem Steel 35%, Boeing Air-

craft 28%, Borden Co 41%, Canadian

Pacific 12%, J. I. Case 40%, Chrysler

53%, Colgate 44%, Commercial Bolvents

24%, Conoco Products 14%,

Diamond Match 45%, Electric Light &

Power 19%, General Electric 38%, Gen-

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year 41%, Homestake Mining 38%, In-

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Paper 64%, International Tel. Tel

13%, John Manville 37%, Kennecott

Copper 34%, Montgomery Ward 37%, Na-

tional Distillers 30%, National Lead 10%

New York Central 14%, Packard

6%, Pan American Airways 24%

Pennsylvania RR 1944, Radio Corp 2%

Republic Steel 26%, Reynolds Tobacco

37%, Schenck 31%, Sears Roebuck 36%

Shell Oil 37%, Socony Vacuum 17%

Southern Pacific 32, Standard Brands

31%, Standard Oil of Calif. 48%

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19%, Standard Oil of N.Y. 33, Standard

19%, US Rubber 41%, US Steel 75%

U.S. Lines 1942, Westinghouse 29.4,

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 75%, Gen-

eral Utilities 12%, Associated Press.

BRITISH
RESEARCH

London, Apr. 10.
Sir E. Henry, chairman of the

Defence Research Policy Com-

mittee of Great Britain and the

Scientific Advisory Council,

has arrived at Goettingen at the

invitation of the British Control

Commission's Research Branch.

Sir Henry was accompanied by

I. C. Worsdall, of the Foreign

Office, and will confer with Ger-

man scientists and visit research

institutions at Goettingen.

J. H. Mitchell of the H. Wills

Physical Laboratory at Fort Bris-

ton, has also arrived in Goettingen

to confer with research

scientists.—Associated Press.

Diplomatic sources in Paris said the Brussels meeting of the

Finance Ministers of France, Brit-

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Trade and financial talks with

Norway opened yesterday, and

commercial negotiations are

scheduled to open with Finland

on Monday.—United Press.

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B/S "Ville de Strasbourg" on or about 25th April

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"PAKHOU" Bangkok, Singapore, Port Swettenham 4 p.m. 18th Apr.
"NINGHAI" Koh 4 p.m. 21st Apr.
"YUCHOW" Singapore, Macassar, Siamabaya, Semarang, Cheribon, Batavia & Bantam 10 a.m. 28th Apr.
"SZECHUEN" Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon 2nd week May
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Arrivals From:

Southampton via Bangkok
April 14, BOAC (Capt. Easton),
2 p.m.

Manila

April 13, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
April 13, Philippine Airlines, 10 a.m.
April 14, Pan-American, 1.45 p.m.

April 16, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai CNAC, 11.45 a.m.
April 14, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
April 14, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

H.K. Airways, four times

daily: 10.55 a.m. 1.05 p.m., 2.35 p.m., 5.55 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

April 12, BOAC, 4 p.m.

April 14, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai)

April 16, Pan-American, 12.30 p.m.

April 23, Pan-American, 12.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tianjin Victory (Jardine) British from

New Zealand Victory (Jardine) British from

Tianjin (H. & B.) British from Amoy

Wing Sang (Jardine) British from

Shanghai via Bawlow

April 12, BOAC, 4 p.m.

April 14, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

James, Salen (Swedish) for Manila.

Manhoo Victory (A. P. L.) American for New Angeles

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Prins (Everett) Norwegian for Shanghai via Bawlow

TODAY

Pioneer Wave (U.S.L.) American for Manila.

Rishidah (Mac. Mac.) British for Amoy, Shanghai and Japan.

Willow Bank (Bank Line) British for

Neuquon (H. & B.) British for Swatow.

April 12, BOAC, (Capt. Allen), 4 p.m.

Saigon

April 13, Air France, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Southampton via Bangkok

April 12, BOAC, 8 a.m.

April 14, BOAC (Capt. Carey), 8 a.m.

Manila

April 12, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

April 13, Pan-American, 2 p.m.

April 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

April 12, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

April 13, Philippine Airlines, 11 a.m.

H.K. Airways, four times

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Saigon

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San Francisco (Via Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu)

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Closing Times by Sea and Rail

Manila, Tsinan and Shantou, 8 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m.

Macau, Tsinan and Shantou, 2 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.

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